

(1943 Supplement), title "Clerks of Courts", sub-title "General Duties of Clerks", as said section was amended by Chapter 654 of the Acts of 1945, increasing the salary of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Wicomico County.

SECTION 1. *Beit enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 19 of Article 17 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1943 Supplement), title "Clerks of Courts", sub-title "General Duties of Clerks", as said section was amended by Chapter 654 of the Acts of 1945, be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

19. (a) The Clerk of the Criminal Court of Baltimore City and of each of the Law and Equity Courts of Baltimore City, shall be entitled to receive annually a salary of not less than Three Thousand Six Hundred Dollars (\$3,600.00) or more than Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$7,500.00), to be fixed and determined in the case of each clerkship by the Board of Public Works, and each Clerk shall be entitled to the salary so fixed and no more.

(b) The Board of Public Works, in fixing the annual salaries of each of the said Clerks of Baltimore City, shall be guided in the exercise of its discretion in regard thereto by the dollar volume of the total fees collected and of excess fees turned over to the State for each of the preceding five (5) years by the Clerks office for which the salary is being fixed, and the number of cases instituted and tried in the Court for which the salary is being fixed, by the volume of docket entries and recordings transcribed by the office and by any other pertinent and relative data, for which the salary is being fixed, bearing on the reasonableness of the salary in relation to the work done and volume handled by the office, it being the intent of this Act that each clerk shall receive fair and adequate compensation for the effort and duties required by his office, and volume and character of work done by him as Clerk, in proportion to the salaries fixed by the Legislature for the Clerks of the Circuit Courts of the several counties.

(c) The Clerks of the Circuit Courts of the several counties of the State, shall be entitled to receive respectively, the annual salaries hereinafter set forth and no more, as follows:

The Clerk of the Circuit Court of Calvert County shall be entitled to receive the annual salary of \$3,500.

The Clerks of the Circuit Courts of Dorchester, Kent, St. Mary's, Harford, Caroline, Somerset, Frederick, Queen